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SUBJECT: FRG VIEWS ON SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES ON EC
SUMMIT AGENDA

1. AN EMBOFF REVIEWED THE SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES BEING
PREPARED FOR THE EC SUMMIT WITH GUENTHER WEGGE, AN
ECONOMIC POLICY OFFICIAL IN CHANCELLOR'S OFFICE. IN
GIVING AN INTERESTING INSIGHT AS TO DEVELOPMENT OF
FRG STRATEGY, WEGGE SAID THAT FOR SUCCESS TO BE
ACHIEVED AT THE SUMMIT, A SET OF THREE MAJOR
COMPROMISES IS NEEDED. WILSON WOULD AGREE TO WORK
FOR CONTINUED UK MEMBERSHIP IN EC (PROVIDED AGREEMENT
ON GUIDELINES ACCEPTABLE TO UK FOR DETERMINING
CONTRIBUTIONS TO EC BUDGET CAN BE REACHED). FRANCE
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WOULD AGREE TO JOIN THE OTHER EIGHT EC COUNTRIES IN
PARTICIPATION IN THE IEA. FRG FOR ITS PART WOULD

AGREE TO SUPPORT REGIONAL PROGRAM. WHILE A GOOD DEAL OF FLEXIBILITY EXISTS AS TO WHAT WOULD BE ENTAILED IN EACH OF THESE COMMITMENTS, WEGGE WAS FIRM IN HIS VIEW THAT AT LEAST THREE OF THESE BASIC CONCESSIONS WOULD BE REQUIRED IN ORDER TO HAVE A FRUITFUL SUMMIT. HE AFFIRMED THAT THE CHANCELLOR IS PREPARED TO DISCUSS EACH OF THESE ISSUES WITH PRESIDENT FORD.

2. COMMENT: WE ARE NOT SURE HOW CLOSELY WEGGE'S VIEWS REFLECT THE OUTCOME OF THE TALKS SCHMIDT HAS HELD WITH WILSON AND GISCARD. HOWEVER, ON THE FACE OF IT, THIS STRATEGY PLACES MUCH MORE VALUE ON A POSSIBLE FRG CONCESSION ON FUNDING REGIONAL PROGRAMS THAN WE THINK IS WARRANTED. MOREOVER, THE IMPLICATION THAT SUMMIT WOULD BE A FAILURE UNLESS THESE THREE COMPROMISES ARE MADE IS MORE PESSIMISTIC THAN THAT HELD BY SOME OTHER FRG OFFICIALS, ESPECIALLY IN FOREIGN OFFICE. END COMMENT.

3. WEGGE CONFIRMED SCHMIDT'S INTEREST IN FINDING SOME WAY TO BRIDGE US AND FRENCH DIFFERENCES OVER A CONFERENCE WITH OIL PRODUCER COUNTRIES. (IN A SEPARATE CONVERSATION, AN ECONOMICS MINISTRY OFFICIAL INFORMED US THAT THE FRG WAS THINKING IN TERMS OF MAY OR JUNE AT THE EARLIEST FOR THIS CONSUMER-PRODUCER-LDC CONFERENCE.) WEGGE THOUGHT THIS COULD BE DONE BY MOVING FORWARD QUICKLY ON HOLDING A PREPARATORY CONFERENCE TO DISCUSS ISSUES AS WELL AS MODALITIES (E.G., LEVEL OF PARTICIPANTS IN EVENTUAL CONFERENCE). AT THE SAME TIME, HE STRESSED FRG AGREEMENT WITH US VIEW THAT CONFERENCE WITH PRODUCERS COULD BENEFIT THE CONSUMING COUNTRIES ONLY IF THEY ENGAGED IN SUCH DIALOGUE ON BASIS OF UNITED CONSUMER POSITIONS. WEGGE THEREFORE BELIEVED THAT CONSUMERS MUST FIRST REACH UNIFIED STANCE, OTHERWISE EVEN PREPARATORY CONFERENCE WOULD BE A MISTAKE.

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4. WEGGE WAS SKEPTICAL THAT ANY PROGRESS CAN BE MADE AT THE SUMMIT ON ECONOMIC POLICY COORDINATION. IN HIS VIEW THE DIVERGENCIES IN THE ECONOMIES OF THE MAJOR EC MEMBER COUNTRIES ARE FAR TOO GREAT AT THIS POINT TO PERMIT THEM TO AGREE ON ANY KIND OF FIRM CONCERTED POLICY STANCE.
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